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SUBJ: SUBJECTS FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA MAY RAISE
WITH SECRETARY

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1. DURING SECRETARY'S STOP AT TORREJON FONMIN WILL PROBABLY WANT TO DISCUSS HOW PRESIDENT'S TALKS WITH SPANISH MAY BE CONDUCTED AND TO TOUCH ON POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS THAT MIGHT BE RAISED, WE EXPECT CORTINATO SUGGEST THAT DURING PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS WITH FRANCO THERE MIGHT USEFULLY BE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PRESENT STATUS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO: (1) NATO AND COORDINATION OF SPAIN'S DEFENSE ROLE WITH WESTERN ALLIANCE; (2) PORTUGAL; (3) EUROPE; AND (4) MIDDLE EAST.

2. CORTINA MAY CITE IN VERY GENERAL WAY OTHER TOPICS WHICH MIGHT BE BROUGHT UP WITH PRESIDENT BY ARIAS AND OTHER MINISTERS: (1) WHAT MAY BE EXPECTED IN TERMS OF COMPENSATION TO SPAIN IN FUTURE DEFENSE COOPERATION; (2) POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDED ASSISTANCE TO SPAIN IN TECHNOLOGICAL (INCLUDING ENERGY), ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC FIELDS TO SHOW INCREASED US-SPANISH COOPERATION UNDER NON-MILITARY RUBRIC; (3) EXPLANATION OF SPAIN'S POSITION
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ON SAHARA DISPUTE; AND (4) TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES,

SPECIFICALLY SPAIN'S ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERALIZED SPECIAL PREFERENCES (GSP); (5) EXPLANATION OF GOVT'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ORDERLY POLITICAL EVOLUTION IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCCESSION (MORE DETAILED COMMENT ON THESE TOPICS PROVIDED BY ARIAS AND CORTINA IN REFTELS.)

3. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENT'S ONE-DAY VISIT MAY 31 NOW CALLS FOR SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND FRANCO AT PARDO PALACE, BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND ARIAS AT WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY PRESIDENT, AND BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND JUAN CARLOS. CEREMONIAL, NON-SUBSTANTIVE SIDE OF TENTATIVE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, PRESENTATION OF KEY TO CITY IN DOWNTOWN MADRID AND BLACK-TIE STATE DINNER AT ROYAL PALACE.

4. IF TIME PERMITS FONMIN MAY WANT TO RAISE WITH YOU TOPICS OTHER THAN THOSE TIES TO PRESIDENT'S VISIT. RECENT EVENTS HAVE FURTHER HEIGHTENED SPAIN'S CONCERN OVER PORTUGAL'S DIRECTION AND CORTINA MAY WANT SECRETARY'S LATEST ASSESSMENT. IF TIME PERMITS, HE WOULD ALSO WELCOME SECRETARY'S IMPRESSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. AS ALWAYS, THERE IS OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY FONMIN MAY BRING UP GIBRALTAR. ON THIS ISSUE OUR POSITION IS THE SAME. WE MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL IN CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO GOOD FRIENDS. US NAVY CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SMALL BUT REGULAR NUMBER OF SHIP VISITS TO GIBRALTAR, WHICH SPANISH PROTEST AT LOW LEVELS, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT VARIATION IN NUMBER OF US SHIP VISITS IN RECENT YEARS.

5. SINCE SAHARA MAY BE KEY ITEM IN DISCUSSIONS THIS TIME WITH SECRETARY AND POSSIBLY LATER WITH PRESIDENT, HERE IS UP-TO-DATE STATUS REPORT IN ISSUE FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT; DESPITE STRONG MOROCCAN PRESSURES; SOME DETERIORATION OF SAHARAN SECURITY SITUATION, AND DIFFICULTIES IN ORGANIZING VIABLE, PRO-SPANISH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, SPANISH STILL ADHERING TO POLICY ON SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SAHARA UNDER UN FORMULAS AND REJECTING OFFERS OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, EXCEPT WITH

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ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. SPANISH ARGUE THAT TREATMENT OF SAHARA DISPUTE AS BILATERAL MATTER WITH MOROCCO WOULD IGNORE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SUCH AS ALGERIA, THUS PROVOKING CONFLICT IN REGION, AND WOULD DISREGARD WHAT THEY SEE AS OVERRIDING OPPOSITION AMONG SAHARAN POPULATION TO ANNEXATION BY MOROCCO. SPANISH CLEARLY WANT TO LEAVE SAHARA, BUT WITH DIGNITY AND WITH

ACCEPTABLE DECOLONIZATION FORMULA. FONMIN, HOWEVER, STATES HE DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL IF SITUATION BECOMES TOO DIFFICULT.

6. FONMIN ALSO STATES IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD BE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AMONG SPAIN, ALGERIA, MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA WHICH WOULD PERMIT SPAIN TO WITHDRAW, WITH INDEPENDENT SAHARA GUARANTEED BY ITS NEIGHBORS. SPANISH HAVE JUST REJECTED ANOTHER FEELER FROM HASSAN FOR TALKS IN PARIS AMONG SPAIN, MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA IN CONVICTION THAT NO SOLUTION POSSIBLE THAT EXCLUDES ALGERIA. FONMIN BELIEVES US COULD BE MOST HELPFUL BY (1) ENCOURAGING ALGERIA TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH WEST AND MAINTAIN MODERATE LINE; AND (2) HELPING TO PERSUADE MOROCCANS THAT NO SETTLEMENT IN SAHARA POSSIBLE WITHOUT ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION.

7. SAHARA DISPUTE HAS IMPINGED ON US-SPANISH RELATIONS: SPANISH HAVE VIEWED US ARMS SALES TO MOROCCO AND US SUPPORT FOR MOROCCO'S UNGA INITIATIVE TO REFER ISSUE TO ICJ AS NOT FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH US NEUTRALITY ON DISPUTE. IN APPROACHING ISSUE HERE WE HAVE STRESSED THAT WE HOPE FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT REACHED THROUGH PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, ADDING THAT UN AND ICJ SHOULD HAVE ROLE IN SETTLEMENT. SECRETARY MAY WISH AGAIN TO INFORM FONMIN OF OUR CONCERN THAT ALL PARTIES AVOID INFLAMMATORY ACTIONS THAT MIGHT INTENSIFY CONFLICT, NOTING THAT WE HAVE AGAIN RECENTLY BROUGHT THIS CONCERN TO ATTENTION OF MOROCCANS.
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